

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) A static device for use with an unrestricted heart having an outer wall and at least one chamber, said device comprising, a plurality of members configured to be positioned on an epicardial surface of the heart; and

a first connector joining the members, the first connector having a first end, a second end, and portions configured to be encased in the tissue of the heart, wherein the first connector is an elongate member that is configured to extend extends across the at least one chamber,

wherein said members are fixed in a spaced relationship relative to each other such that at least two portions of the outer wall are displaced inwardly from the unrestricted position, wherein the first connector includes a structure for connecting the connector to one of the plurality of members, the structure being disposed proximate one of the first and second ends, wherein one of the plurality of members includes a recess for receiving the structure, the recess corresponding in one of shape and size to the structure, and wherein the structure includes a cross-sectional dimension that is different than a cross-sectional dimension of the connector.

35. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 34, wherein the connector is configured to be inserted through a portion of the heart.

36. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 34, further comprising a second connector configured to join the plurality of members.

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 37, wherein the second connector has portions configured to be encased in the tissue of the heart.

39. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 36, wherein the second connector is straight.

40. (Currently Amended) A static device for use with a heart having at least one chamber, said device comprising:

a plurality of members configured to be positioned on an epicardial surface of the heart; and

an elongate connector joining the members, the connector configured to extend extending across the at least one chamber,

wherein said members are positioned in a spaced relationship relative to each other to reconfigure the chamber of the heart as at least two contiguous communicating portions of truncated ellipsoids, wherein the elongate connector includes a first end, a second end, and a structure for connecting the connector to one of the plurality of

members, the structure being disposed proximate one of the first and second ends,
wherein one of the plurality of members includes a recess for receiving the structure,
the recess corresponding in one of shape and size to the structure, and wherein the
structure includes a cross-sectional dimension that is different than a cross-sectional
dimension of the connector.

41. (Currently Amended) A static device for use with a heart having at least one chamber, said device comprising:

a plurality of members configured to be positioned on an epicardial surface of the heart; and

at least one elongate connector joining the members together, wherein the connector is configured to extend extends across the at least one chamber, wherein the at least one elongate connector includes a first end, a second end, and a structure for connecting the connector to one of the plurality of members, the structure being disposed proximate one of the first and second ends, wherein one of the plurality of members includes a recess for receiving the structure, the recess corresponding in one of shape and size to the structure, and wherein the structure includes a cross-sectional dimension that is different than a cross-sectional dimension of the connector.

42. (Currently Amended) A static device for use with an unrestricted heart having an outer wall and at least one chamber, said device comprising:

a plurality of members configured to be positioned on an epicardial surface of the heart; and

an elongate connector joining the members, wherein the elongate connector is

configured to extend extends across the at least one chamber,

wherein said members are fixed in a spaced relationship relative to each other such that at least two discrete portions of the outer wall are displaced inwardly from the unrestricted position, wherein the at least one elongate connector includes a first end, a second end, and a structure for connecting the connector to one of the plurality of members, the structure being disposed proximate one of the first and second ends, wherein one of the plurality of members includes a recess for receiving the structure, the recess corresponding in one of shape and size to the structure, and wherein the structure includes a cross-sectional dimension that is different than a cross-sectional dimension of the connector.

43. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 42, wherein at least one of said members comprises an elongate shape.

44. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 42, wherein at least one of said members has a shape wherein a length is substantially greater than a width.

45. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 42, wherein at least one of said members comprises a substantially circular shape.

46. (Cancelled)

47. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 42, having first and second members, wherein said first and second members are positioned in a spaced relationship relative to each other about 180 degrees apart.

48. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 42, having a first member configured to be positioned adjacent the anterolateral surface of the chamber, and a second member configured to be positioned adjacent the posteromedial surface of the chamber.

49. (Previously presented) The device of claim 42, having a first member configured to be positioned adjacent the anterolateral surface of the chamber, and a second member configured to be positioned adjacent the posterolateral surface of the chamber.

50. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 42, having first, second and third members, said first, second, and third members are positioned in a spaced relationship relative to each other about 120 degrees apart.

51. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 50, wherein the first member is configured to be positioned adjacent the anteroseptal portion of the chamber, the second member is configured to be positioned adjacent the posteroseptal portion of the chamber, and the third member is configured to be positioned adjacent the posterolateral portion of the chamber.

52. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 42, wherein at least one of said members comprises a pad.

53. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 52, wherein the pad has an inner surface configured to be positioned adjacent the epicardial surface of the heart.

54. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 42, wherein at least one of said members includes a pad portion.

55. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 52, wherein the pad comprises a biocompatible material.

56. (Cancelled)

57. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 42, wherein the connector comprises a biocompatible material.

58. (Cancelled)

59. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 42, wherein the connector comprises a first connector configured to be positioned adjacent the endocardium of the chamber.

60. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 59, wherein the connector comprises a second connector.

61-79. (Cancelled)

80. (New) The device of claim 34, wherein the structure is a ball.

81. (New) The device of claim 40, wherein the structure is a ball.

82. (New) The device of claim 41, wherein the structure is a ball.

83. (New) The device of claim 42, wherein the structure is a ball.

84. (New) The device of claim 34, wherein the recess includes an opening configured to receive the connector.

85. (New) The device of claim 84, wherein the opening is smaller than the structure.

86. (New) The device of claim 40, wherein the recess includes an opening configured to receive the connector.

87. (New) The device of claim 86, wherein the opening is smaller than the structure.

88. (New) The device of claim 41, wherein the recess includes an opening configured to receive the connector.

89. (New) The device of claim 88, wherein the opening is smaller than the structure.

90. (New) The device of claim 42, wherein the recess includes an opening configured to receive the connector.

91. (New) The device of claim 90, wherein the opening is smaller than the structure.